Job outlook improves in 1978

by Doug Hensenas

The job outlook for Harding's class of '78 is said to be improving, according to Placement Director David Crouch who cautioned, however, that graduates need to make a concerted effort to find those jobs. "In 1975-77 it was really tight. It picked up last year and is looking better this year. You can't sit back and wait, but the jobs are out there," he said.

Crouch based his assessment on periodic reports about campus recruiting and on occupation and salary surveys. Over 500 questionnaires were sent to the '77 graduating class, and results showed that only three percent were unemployed, far below the national average. "Of that three percent, only three were single. The others were married women seeking employment in the same area as their spouse, which limited them."

Crouch credited job prospects, which he said compared "equally or better than other schools in Arkansas," to the quality of education here. "Harding is known for the caliber of her graduates," he said. "The quality of our education is superior across the board. There is no reason to feel a degree from Harding is inferior." Crouch said the best areas were computer programming and computer science, business areas (management, accounting, economics), nursing and teaching, especially in science and math.

"As far as education goes, there is no active recruiting, but they do call and send letters. We have no trouble with placing English teachers. The hardest areas are history and social science, all areas of home economics and social work - partly because many job openings utilizing social workers require the master's degree or higher. Crouch did emphasize that there were jobs available in this area, but they would just have to dig a little harder.

Dallas, Houston, Memphis and Central Arkansas are the main geographic areas for employment. Crouch cited two key factors sought in graduates - grades and the ability to communicate.

The college, however, actively seeks school districts and government agencies to recruit at Harding.

"Harding has the largest government career day of any school in Arkansas, bar none," Crouch said, noting that many students sign to take civil service tests and a number of juniors take junior positions because of government career day.

Federal government should be the first area to job-hunt, especially with President Carter's budget calling for an addition of only 1,500 to the federal work force - as compared with 1976. The best bets in civil service are the state and local agencies.

On the national level, Crouch said that engineers were being "swallowed up." Accounting is still good, although starting to taper off, and the demand for nurses is still very high. Crouch estimated that 15 percent of the ads in the New York Times were for computer programmers.

In the future, energy and environment will be responsible for a great demand for engineers.

"We're going to see a need for industrial courses - plumbers and electricians," he said. "I can't see everyone needing a college degree to enter the labor force."
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Test schedules backfire

Sometimes well-meaning intentions can backfire. A good example would be the Wednesday of the fifth week when many professors schedule their first quarter exams so as to avoid undue hardship on the typical student.

The logic is that test week is actually the fourth week and students are not tested in exams in every class that week. So the observant teacher should give his pupil a break, or so he thinks, and have the test the fifth week.

Because Harding is one of the more socially active colleges in the country, a Monday test is out of the question because students cannot prepare over the weekend.

Friday is also a bad day because many students go home on the weekend or just start socializing early.

We are all thankful that many faculty members are cognizant of our needs, certainly many poor souls who have three and four tests Wednesday realize we may have too much of a good thing.

In essence, this policy caters to those students more interested in social life while forgetting that unusual student who has come to college for an education.

In scheduling tests, many of our teachers need to break some of their habits and treat students as a break. They need to poll the class to find out how many have conflicting tests. And in the case of three or more tests a mandatory policy needs to be established to allow students to reschedule their exams. Several teachers do not allow this.

In this way a diligent student can do justice to the study time necessary for most exams and he benefits with greater knowledge and an increased grade point average.

The System

An archaic process?

by Gary Hanes

The electoral college is an archaic elective system developed by aristocrats who feared direct democracy or is it a vital part of our presidential selection process? Or is it just an expedient that is not worth the trouble it would take to change it?

Over the next two weeks, this column will examine the pros and cons of the electoral college, first dealing with the advantages of the present system and then turning to the ideas for change that are in the process of making it out of the picture.

When the Constitution was being written in 1787, the strongest political party (although it was not organized as such) was a group of men who came to be known as the Federalists. Containing such leaders as Alexander Hamilton and John Adams, the group had a distinctive distrust of what they called "the common people" and considered the common people a sizable role in their own government.

They weren't really anti-democratic; they just defined it in a different way.

It was from the Federalists and their ideological brother in the Constitutional Convention that the idea of an indirect system of electing the country's chief executive evolved. For those of you who slept through Political Science 205, this is basically the system as set up 131 years ago: the electoral college is made up of a number of electors from each state, including the college, which bound the electors selected to vote for the candidate who carried their respective state. This is the current status of the system.

Aside from the fact that the college process has made it through 47 elections with only one major controversy (in 1876), there are several very appealing aspects to the present system. It enhances the two-party system around which much of our country's political traditions, including the college, have arisen. A change in the electoral college would not certainly bring about a remodeling of the present Democratic-Republican organizations, especially given the current precarious state of the Republican party. It might possibly lead to a multi-party system like is found in most Western European nations or some unforeseen change.

But the system never really worked the way that the Federalists intended. The use of organized political parties led to the partisan selection of electors and eventually to the nomination of the major candidates for president from the two main parties. Soon an informal and extralegal tradition had arisen around the electoral college which bound the electors selected to vote for the candidate who carried their respective state. This is the current status of the system.

Feedback...

Dear Editor:

I am glad to see that the issues of women's intercollegiate sports are being dealt with. My letter is in response to a statement printed in the last issue of the Bison. The statement said that one of the main controversies seemed to "center on whether women can be modestly dressed including opposing teams."

In answer to the first part of that statement I feel that modest uniforms can be found for women's sports. Our school has cheerleaders, a flag corps and even majorettes, yet all are dressed modestly.

I realize that other factors must be considered before women's sports can begin, but I feel that the issue of modesty should not be used to keep women's intercollegiate sports from the Harding College campus.

For the second part of the statement I feel that we have no control over other schools because they are competing on our campus. If this is our goal, then we are failing miserably.

Sincerely,

Ken Dervey

Fifth Column

Literary review

by Steve Leventhal

The golden candlestick flickers, the ivory towers sway and the barbarians knock at the gate.

The standards of intellectum have reached a new height of lowness. The Harding Library has purchased a subscription to the (shudder) National Enquirer.

I thought people who read stuff like that didn't even know where the library was located. Admittedly, the Enquirer has thousands of readers, some of whom, I suppose, actually read it. But I don't know anyone who'll admit to being among them.

If you get a chance to look at one of those that I did, just the other day (purely in the line of research, of course) and the contents are, to say the least, staggering.

This particular issue carried a story about the amazing psychic predictions of a farmer from Wyoming. He'd made a couple of dots on an amazedly accurate forecasts.

For example, "The president will leave the White House this week, but no one will listen." And "It will be cold this winter." And "There will be many silly programs on television."

Now the guy made about 25 of these startling predictions and every one of them came true! It certainly made a believer out of me.

There was also an article concerning a couple of good old boys from Alabama who were picked up by a flying saucer and taken to visit the planet Zotz.

There the natives revealed to them the mysteries of the universe, gave them the secrets of ultimate power, and sold them some real estate in Florida. I have to admit, even I found this story to be a little far-fetched.

After all, who would be dumb enough to buy some swamp land from a glob of green jello named Zonk?

There was also the usual quota of celebrity articles (Sandblasing his new home, Granny from 'Fawcett's Lovely complexion!' and "The Night Henry Winkler Turned Green"),

Diet and health articles are also big. This issue alone carried a story on the new prune diet which promises fast weight losses and the onion diet which promises even faster losses of calories and personal acquaintances. There was also a report linking "a lack of use of the eyeball." (Just trying giving that up!)

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SA designates cafeteria committee
by Kandy Muncy
A special committee to investigate the cafeteria system was designated by Student Association president, Susan Brady, at Monday night’s meeting of the S.A.
Senior Wayne Kinney agreed to act as chairman of the special committee, which will examine the limitations and set-up of the cafeterias and suggest some ideas for improvement that will eventually be proposed to the administration.
Representing the spiritual life committee, Ross Cochran told the Student Association that an all-day seminar on marriage is being planned on Mar. 6.
Mr. Billy Watson, from Memphis, Tenn., and father of junior Brad Watson, will speak at the seminar.

In other business, the women’s sports issue was again discussed. “The letters we send to each student are to check the student’s response, and if there’s enough response from the student body, then we’ll take it to Dr. Gann,” said Russ Porter, senior men’s representative.

“Hopefully the students will take the time to read the letter and express their opinions, suggestions, and desires regarding the issue. Then maybe from there we can at least know if further action is necessary, or if we’re just wasting our time.”
Porter, who is also the chairman of the book exchange, said, “The S.A. Book Exchange returned $9,400 to the students for exchanging their books and $1,700 will go back into the S.A. treasury to be rechanneled for the students’ needs.”
S.A. members agreed to again set up a voter’s registration booth in the lobby of the American Heritage Building for students to register to vote.
While discussing the students’ book exchange, several suggestions were pointed out to Porter, who is also the chairman of the book exchange.
“Hopefully the students will return books to the exchange, said Miss Clark.
The format of the game is similar to that of the television show, “The Newlywed Game,” she said.

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Nurses host ‘Marriage Game’
The Harding Student Nurses Association and the S.A. will sponsor “The Marriage Game” Thursday at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium, according to Vicky Clark, member of the HSNA.
Tickets will be sold on Feb. 14, 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Center. The cost will be 50 cents per person.
All proceeds will go to the Nigerian Christian Hospital.
The “celebrity couples” will include Mr. and Mrs. Neale Pryor, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McKeynoto and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Gann III. Two other couples will also participate.
The Stage Band, under the direction of Mickey Cox, will perform. Craig Jones, Harding graduate, will be the emcee.
“The money is really going to a worthwhile cause and we hope everyone will buy their tickets early,” said Miss Clark.
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keeping the stuff under the counters.”
Carmichael said he would take the store owners at their word. It makes for better human relations, he explained.
According to Vinalli, the citizens’ group is pleased with what the council has done but they cannot feel it is enough.
“If we leave it at that, we are admitting failure,” he said.
Eckwood, Flatt key Bison’s second AIC triumph

by Buzz Ball

Stan Eckwood and Tim Flatt combined their efforts to score 46 points to lead the Bisons to their second AIC win with an 86-81 victory over the Arkansas College Scots here Monday night. The triumph broke a four-game losing streak and upped the Bisons’ season record to 8-14 and improved their Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference record to 2-10.

Eckwood, who is currently second in the AIC in the scoring department, had another good night as he rimmed in 25 points including eight rebounds. Flatt also had a good night as he scored 21 points to aid in the victory.

Coach Jim Bucy’s team led at the end of the first half 45-40 with Eckwood scoring 17 points in that 20-minute span.

Harding came out of the dressing room storming as they built up an 11-point lead 60-49, at the midway point of the second half. Some early fouls by the Scots put the Bisons in the bonus free throw situation as early as 14:30.

For the night, the Bisons made 24 of 34 charity shots against 25 of 34 chairty shots against 25 of 34.

Harding’s final eight points came from the foul line but Bob Gilliam hit a free shot and came back to drive up the right side for a layup. Eckwood drew his fifth foul on Gilliam’s drive as the Bison lead was cut to three, 62-59.

Hase McClary, who replaced Eckwood, was fouled and sank two charity shots to stretch the Bison margin to 64-59. With 14 left in the game, Flatt made two free throws and Maurice Skippe put in the Scots final basket with five seconds to go for the 86-81 final.

A crucial factor in the game was the Bison control on the backboard. Baker, despite being hampered by some leg, had a team high mark of 20 rebounds as the Bisons led that category by a 34-24 margin.

In addition to Eckwood and Flatt, Baker had 12 points, 10 of them in the second half. Binkley scored eight and Bruce Lowe had seven.

Yesterday the Bisons were to have traveled to Conway to tangle with UCA in a conference game.

The Bisons will have three more home games before playing their last game at Monticello against UAM. Monday, Harding will play SAU. On Feb. 20th, the Bisons will entertain Henderson State and on Feb. 21st, Harding will host Arkansas Tech.

Water Buffaloes split decisions at Hendrix meet

The Harding College Water Buffaloes won one and lost one in a double dual AIC swimming meet at Hendrix College in Conway Saturday.

Harding outswam the Ouachita Baptist Tigers 78-24 but were sunk by AIC favorite Hendrix 90-17.

Individual first place winners were Norman Kaila in the 500 and the 1000 freestyle, Mark McElrea in the 100 freestyle, and Phil Eudaly in the 200 breaststroke.

The Harding 400 medley relay team of Steve North, Glen Graham, Eudaly and McElrea captured first place honors as well as the 400 freestyle relay team of Chris Cherry, Carl Wathen, Graham, and Kaila.

Tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in the Athletic and Physical Education Complex swimming pool, the Water Buffaloes will swim against Arkansas Tech.